



STATE OF TASMANIA.

MONTHLY STATISTICS - DECEMBER, 1939-JANUARY, 1940.

RAILWAYS.

		1938. December.	1939. October.	1939. November.	1939. December.
Gross Revenue	£	47,644	42,988	43,552	51,275
Working Costs, excl. Interest	£	49,688	49,018	47,013	49,244
Train Miles run (incl. Rail Motor) No.		165,717	171,967	175,354	173,795
Passenger Journeys	"	220,054	195,497	161,971	235,982
Goods and Live Stock	Tons.	64,211	78,681	75,408	70,250

ELECTRIC POWER - Units generated by -

	1939 January.	1939 December.	1940 January.
Hydro-Electric Department	42,022,900	44,039,100	44,631,000
Mt. Lyell Mining & Railway Co.)			
Launceston City Council)			
Pioneer Tin Mining Co.)			
Small, Plants, estimated)	4,935,256	6,371,547	6,100,017
Total Units	46,958,156	50,410,647	50,731,017
Units supplied to Hobart Metropolitan area:	28,059,533	30,165,300	30,013,700
" " " Launceston & Suburbs:	1,742,031	2,044,453	2,031,442

EMPLOYMENT - Private.

	1939 January.	1939 November.	1939 December.	1940 January.
50 Factories	9,474	9,135	9,164	9,462
14 Retail, etc.	1,008	1,023	1,137	1,005
10 Miscellaneous, incl. Banks, Insurance, Motor Oils, Private Railways, etc.	1,034	1,035	1,107	1,105
	11,516	11,193	11,408	11,572

REAL ESTATE STATISTICS.

	1939 January.	1939 November.	1939 December.	1940 January.
Real Property Act.	£	£	£	£
Value of Land Transfers	70,114	101,589	55,737	85,813
" " Mortgages registered	63,580	89,758	43,688	72,715
" " " discharged	18,484	53,831	18,662	39,353
" " " partially discharged	982	3,227	550	1,517
Registration under Deeds Act.				
Value of Conveyances	12,120	70,462	69,830	57,645
" " Mortgages	94,040	49,428	54,338	39,050
" " Reconveyances	24,991	31,447	22,791	23,632

FINANCE. January 1939 and 1940.

Consolidated Revenue Fund.

Receipts.				Payments.			
January.		7 Months.		January.		7 Months.	
1939.	1940.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1939.	1940.	1938-39.	1939-40.
£270,172	£177,874	£1,797,144	£1,406,010	£334,781	£204,464	£2,096,505	£1,649,868
Excess of Payments over Receipts 7 months 1938-39 .. £299,361							
" " " " " " " " 1939-40 .. £243,857							

BUTTER PRODUCTION. (Factory)

	1938 December.	1939 September.	1939 October.	1939 November.	1939 December.
Butter lb.	1,556,641	577,882	1,046,835	1,518,577	1,603,656

MOTOR REGISTRATIONS - January, 1940.

	<u>Lorries, Trucks, &c.</u>	<u>Motor Cycles.</u>	<u>Cars & Other Vehicles.</u>
No. on Register at 1.1.40	5,100	3,549	17,705
Lapsed Registrations	482	329	1,613
	4,618	3,220	16,092
Registrations - January, 1940.			
New Vehicles	50	12	91
Used Vehicles	437	316	1,616
No. on Register end January, 1940:	5,105	3,548	17,799
" " " " " 1939:	4,817	3,560	17,119

SAVINGS BANK DEPOSITS.

	<u>1939 January.</u>	<u>1939 December.</u>	<u>1940 January.</u>
	£	£	£
Commonwealth Savings Bank -	2,265,740	2,330,064	2,323,682
Trustee Savings Banks - Hobart, L'ton.	5,781,898	6,218,700	6,243,372
	8,047,638	8,548,764	8,567,054

BANK CLEARINGS.

Hobart	2,281,624	2,656,172	3,513,019
Launceston	867,650	1,268,564	1,988,051

COMMONWEALTH SALES TAX.

	<u>Net Sales of Taxable and Exempt Goods.</u>	<u>Net Taxable Sales.</u>	<u>Sales Tax Collected.</u>
	£	£	£
1939.			
January.	742,534	247,775	13,691
1939.			
July	637,871	199,865	10,852
August	644,889	207,566	11,480
September	658,338	188,158	10,634
October	822,364	241,168	14,243
November	786,019	225,724	15,952
December	499,271	136,302	13,176
1940.			
January	955,295	272,040	18,029
7 Months 1939-40	5,004,047	1,470,823	94,366
7 Months 1938-39	4,941,034	1,528,224	71,216

RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS.

Cost of Food and Groceries.
(6 Capitals in 1923-1927 as Base = 1000)

	<u>1939 January.</u>	<u>1939 November.</u>	<u>1939 December.</u>	<u>1940 January.</u>
Hobart	903	944	937	913
Launceston	905	921	912	897
Burnie	919	961	938	924
Devonport	913	938	946	924
Queenstown	1001	1018	1017	1003
Weighted Average, Tasmania:	908	940	933	912
Rosebery	1002	1053	1061	1039

TRADE.

	<u>1939 January.</u>	<u>1940 January.</u>	<u>Seven Months. 1938-39.</u>	<u>1939-40.</u>
	£	£	£	£
OVERSEA.				
Imports (a)	138,160	142,559	713,560	585,180
Exports	147,081	381,961	1,008,309	986,785

(a) British Currency.

CROP STATISTICS.

	Season 1939-40.		Season 1938-39.
	Final Estimate.		Actual.
	Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Wheat	8,000	193,000	205,263
Barley, English	8,000	239,000	190,753
Oats, White	10,600	325,000	263,302
Algerian & Other	18,200	504,000	381,658
Peas, Blue	5,800	146,000	75,340
Grey & Other	13,500	315,000	177,978
Potatoes	27,700	(a) 97,000	(a) 89,330
Hay	72,700	(a) 112,000	(a) 109,526

(a) Tons

HOBART BUILDING PERMITS.

February 1940 and 1939.

Month	New Buildings for Habitation.		New Buildings for Other Purposes.		Alterations & Additions.		Totals.	
	Permits No.	Contract Price.	Permits No.	Contract Price.	Permits No.	Contract Price.	Permits No.	Contract Price.
		£		£		£		£
1940. Feb.	15	14,828	2	2,200(a)	8	737	25	17,765
1939. Feb.	21	26,743	6	38,375(b)	19	1,605	46	66,723

(a) Includes one Government Contract £1,200.
(b) Includes one Government Contract £1,500.

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